

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This is responsive to restriction and election of species requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner appeared to identify two patentably distinct inventions, i.e., golf clubs and a method of manufacture, and further to identify several patentably distinct species within each of the two invention. Thus, five different groups of claims were identified:

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| Group I   | Golf clubs having an engineered textured recessed surface wherein each geometric shape has an area less than $0.05 \text{ mm}^2$ (Claims 18-27).     |
| Group II  | Golf clubs having an engineered textured recessed surface wherein each geometric shape has a volume of less than $0.0007 \text{ mm}^3$ (Claims 1-7). |
| Group III | A method of manufacture utilizing chemical etching (Claims 8, 9, and 12-17).   |
| Group IV  | A method of manufacture utilizing precision saw-cutting (Claims 8, 10, and 12-17).   |
| Group V   | A method of manufacture utilizing laser cutting (Claims 8 and 11-17).  |

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the first invention (golf clubs) for examination in this application. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected method of manufacture invention.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the first identified species, i.e., Group I. The claims that are readable on this elected species include claims 1-7, 20-25, 27, and 28. Claims 20-25 and 27 previously had been directed to the species of Group II; however, by this Amendment, they have been amended to depend directly from

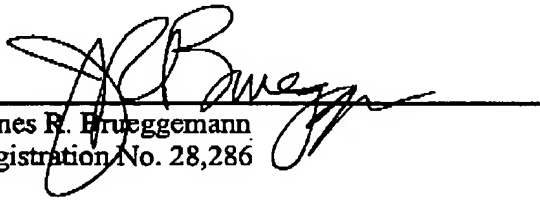
independent claim 1. In addition, new claim 28 has been added to the application. Claims 18, 19, and 26 have been canceled, without prejudice.

This application should now be in condition for substantive examination.  
Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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